

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

January 2011 – Week 3

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TITLE: NAPOLEON AND THE PIRATE

JANUARY 1818 AND NAPOLEON’S MEN REACH TEXAS.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JANUARY 16, 1818. GALVESTON. AFTER NAPOLEON’S DEFEAT AND EXILE, SOME OF HIS SUPPORTERS FLEE TO AMERICA. TODAY, A SMALL BAND UNDER NAPOLEON’S GENERAL, CHARLES LALLEMAND, ARRIVES AT GALVESTON, HOME TO FRENCH PIRATE JEAN LAFITTE.

LAFITTE HELPS THE FRENCH SETTLE ALONG THE TRINITY RIVER AT A PLACE THEY CALL CHAMP D’ASILE. THEY’RE ALLEGEDLY FARMERS, BUT THEY BUILD A FORT AND BEGIN MILITARY DRILLS, POSSIBLY TRAINING TO RESCUE NAPOLEON FROM EXILE.

BUT AFTER ONLY EIGHT MONTHS, A HURRICANE AND SPANISH TROOPS DESTROY THE COLONY. LALLEMAND FLEES TO NEW ORLEANS.

NAPOLEON’S MEN ARRIVED IN TEXAS 193 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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